	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	09/668,461	COKER, ANDREW R.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *amendment filed 8/4/2004*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-4, 8, 10-16, 25-28, 32, 34-42, 46, 48-60, renumbered as claims 1-40*.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on *29 March 2004* are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
   a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:
      1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
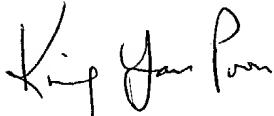   * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
   (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
   (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
      Paper No./Mail Date _____.

   Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)
1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

1.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to updating client service item file, in a client

computer, from a server service item file, in a server.

Independent claim 1 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "a comparison unit

adapted to compare a time stamp associated with the client service item file with a time

stamp associated with the server service file; an update unit adapted to update the

client service item file on the basis of the server service item file in accordance with a

result of the comparison performed by the comparison unit."

Independent claim 25 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "comparing a

time stamp associated with the client service item file with a time stamp associated with

the server service item file; updating the client service item file on the basis of the server

service item file in accordance with a result in said comparison step."

Independent claim 39 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "code for

comparing a time stamp associated with a client service item file stored on a client

computer with a time stamp associated with a server service item file stored on a server

computer, the client computer and the server computer being connected to a network,

each service item file comprising a set of user selectable service items, and each

service item comprising a set of printing attributes; code for updating the client service

item file on the basis of the server service item file in accordance with a result of the

comparison performed by said comparison code."

Independent claim 54 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "a comparison unit adapted to compare a time stamp associated with the client icon file with a time stamp associated with the server icon file; an update unit adapted to update the client icon file on the basis of the server icon file in accordance with a result of the comparison performed by said comparison unit."

Independent claim 56 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "comparing a time stamp associated with the client icon file with a time stamp associated with the server icon file; updating the client icon file on the basis of the server icon file in accordance with a result of the comparison in said comparison step."

Independent claim 57 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "code for comparing a time stamp associated with the client icon file with a time stamp associated with the server icon file; code for updating the client icon file on the basis of the server icon file in accordance with a result of the comparison by said comparison code."

Independent claim 58 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "an assignment unit adapted to assign an update label to the updated server service item file, wherein the update label is a version number; and a second update unit adapted to update a client service item file dependent upon the version number of the server service item file."

Independent claim 59 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "assigning an update label to the updated server service item file, wherein the update label is a version number; and updating a client service item file dependent upon the version number of the server service item file."

Independent claim 60 identifies the uniquely distinct features of "<u>code for</u>
<u>assigning an update label to the updated server service item file, wherein the update</u>
<u>label is a version number; and code for updating a client service item file dependent</u>
<u>upon the version number of the server service item file.</u>"

The closest prior art, Rosekrans et al (US 5,450,571); disclosed updating client
service item file, in a client computer, from a server service item file, in a server; either
singularly or in combination with other cited references, fails to anticipate or render the
above limitations obvious (to be used with other claimed limitations).

The service item, and printing attributes are defined on page 4, lines 14-19,
specifiation; fig. 5; and abstract.

2.   Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later
than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on
Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to King Y. Poon whose telephone number is (703) 305-
0892.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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